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*Senator Edwin Gomes
Chairman
Labor and Public Employee Committee
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106*

*Representative Peter Tercyak
Chairman
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Hartford, CT 06106*

Dear Senator Gomes and Representative Tercyak:

Thank you for taking the time to conduct a hearing on Senate Bill 225 and your continued interest in making the workers' compensation system in Connecticut more efficient, effective and fair to workers.

One Call Care Management is a leading provider of critical services in the workers' compensation industry. Our mission is to ensure that injured workers in Connecticut and throughout the country have access to timely and cost-effective care. In 2015, we treated a total of 22,156 injured workers through our network of 980 highly credentialed providers in the state of Connecticut.

One Call Care Management offers the following comments regarding Senate Bill 225.

Radiology is a Significant Tool to Ensure Immediate Therapy, Providing Injured Workers the Ability to Promptly Return to Work.

Access to timely quality care is of utmost importance to an effective cost containment strategy. Diagnostic tools and One Call's time proven, efficient scheduling processes avoid otherwise costly unnecessary or avoidable treatments. Indemnity costs are reduced when patients have access to quality radiology. If diagnostic services are compromised, delays in medical treatment can result, thus increasing indemnity and administrative costs.

Over the past few years Connecticut radiologists have received over a 50% cut in reimbursement under the Workers' Compensation System. With this cut, the rate for radiology services is significantly lower than group health rates. The practice of radiology is much more expensive than other ancillary services, and these scans are integral to the diagnosis of injury, especially in Workers' Compensation. In addition, we understand that there is a similar problem with Connecticut Medicaid.



We are asking the Labor Committee to consider making an adjustment to these radiology fees to make them competitive with group health rates.

We look forward to continue to provide critical services to injured workers throughout Connecticut. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments on the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

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